

EXHIBIT 9

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Subject: Re: Needed: A different analysis

I think this is an excellent idea. Edison, please respond. Best, Steven

Dave Russell <dlr@mindspring.com> wrote:

From the data I have seen so far, we are not finding any of the highly carcinogenic compounds one would hope to see when investigating the oil pits. That does not discount the findings of the metals, but I fear that may not be enough. I believe that we need a big smoking gun which will link Texaco/Chevron to cancer in and through the oil, and not through just the drilling muds and chrome and other heavy metals. There are two possible reasons for the lack finding organic carcinogenic compounds in the oils at this time: 1) the compounds (primarily PAH) have been fully degraded or 2) because the compounds are soluble, they may have escaped the pits and are found in the groundwater outside the pit areas. Either or both of these scenarios are possible. We won't know until we begin a comprehensive look for the compounds outside the pit areas, and examine the groundwater closely.

There is one area I feel that we should investigate further. We know that there are a large number of compounds in the DRO fraction of the TPH, but we do not know what they are nor do we know if they have any toxicity. We need a liter or two of the liquid free product which is found in the pits on the groundwater. Just the oil fraction... or a relatively large sample of the oil and soils left behind at one of the pits. Then we need to spend the money to have it thoroughly analyzed. The analysis should be performed at a US lab familiar with identification of the types of compounds in residuals in crude. Only by identifying the residual compounds and determining their toxicity can we hope to get past the lack of the "petroleum based" carcinogenic link that we have been hoping to find in the Oriente.

One of you might want to speak to Oscar or someone on the field crew to find out how best to accomplish this task. There are a couple of challenges you may want to consider. If we get the information can we use it? Should it be collected by the Peritos so that it can go into la Courte records? or do we want to have the samples made surreptitiously and spring it on a news conference. There are positive arguments both ways. The downside is that if we do not find anything we may have to show the analyses and it bolster's Texaco's claim that there is nothing left behind but a mess.

Your call.

It should be done soon so that we have some time to get the analysis performed. It may take a month or more to do the analysis and cost \$10,000 or so. A case investment.

Dave

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